

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 821 - SB 1396

March 4, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from 15 members to 17 members, the maximum number of persons who may serve on the board of directors (Board) of a county solid waste authority (Authority).

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The *Solid Waste Authority Act of 1991* authorizes a county or any of the counties in a municipal solid waste region to create an Authority, by resolution of the respective county governing bodies. Additionally, any municipality with a majority of its territory within a county that is creating or participating with other counties in creating an Authority may join in creating the Authority.
- There are currently five such Authorities operating in the state:
 - Hickman County;
 - Lawrence County;
 - Union County;
 - Roane County; and
 - Interlocal (Bedford, Franklin, Lincoln, and Moore County and the City of Tullahoma).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-211-904:
 - There shall be a Board to administer the activities of the Authority and may be the same Board as that of the municipal solid waste region, or it may be a separate Board;
 - A separate Board must consist of between 5 and 15 members; and
 - Members may receive compensation upon resolution approved by all of participating local governing bodies.
- Based on information provided by certain Authorities and information included in local audits, four of the five Authorities have Boards with fewer than ten members and two of the Authorities do not provide compensation.
- It can be reasonably assumed that the fifth authority has fewer than ten members as well.
- Therefore, increasing the maximum number of members who may serve on a Board to 17 is not expected to increase the amount of compensation paid to Board members.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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